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### MS PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c).

Inventor(s): MURAOKA, Kiyoshige; YAGI, Noriko;  
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For: TUBELESS TIRE

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of Fifty-two (52) pages
- ☒ Two (2) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- ☐ Applicant does not claim priority

- ☒ Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on Application No(s). 2002-294590; 2002-370471; 2002-370472 and 2002-370473 filed in JAPAN on October 8, 2002, December 20, 2002, December 20, 2002 and December 20, 2002 respectively.
- ☐ Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.
- ☒ Certified copy(ies) will follow.
- ☒ Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee
- ☐ Non-publication Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b) (2) (B) (i)

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- ☒ The application transmitted herewith is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c). The undersigned has been authorized by the inventor(s) to file the present application. The original duly executed declaration together with the surcharge will be forwarded in due course.

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$1,060.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this transmittal form is enclosed.
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